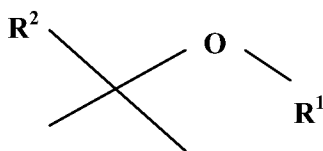


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Withdrawn) An article suitable to be worn in contact with a mammal body, comprising a mint-odor free cooling agent able to convey a freshness sensation to the wearer of the article, without the need of modifying body surface temperature.
2. (Currently Amended) An article suitable to be worn in contact with mammal body comprising a topsheet and a backsheet, said topsheet comprising a mint-odor free cooling agent able to convey a freshness sensation to the wearer of the article, without the need of modifying body surface temperature, wherein the cooling agent is menthone glycerol ketal;
wherein the article further comprises a delivery system for containing and delivering the cooling agent to at least a portion of the skin and/or mucosal surface of mammal wearing the article;
wherein the delivery system is an emollient-containing composition comprising from about 0.1% to about 99.9%, by weight of the emollient-containing composition, of the cooling agent and from about 99.9% to about 0.1%, by weight of the emollient-containing composition, of an emollient comprising ~~comprises~~ triethylcitrate;
wherein said article is a feminine napkin; and
wherein said backsheet is an apertured polymeric film.
3. (Withdrawn) The article according to claim 1, wherein the cooling agent is selected from the group consisting of:

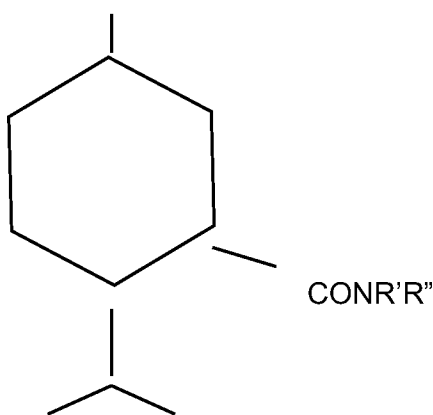
a ketal according to the following formula:





in which R^1 represents a C_2 - C_6 -alkylene radical having at least 1, but not more than 3, hydroxyl group(s), preferably 1 hydroxyl group, and either R^2 and R^3 independently of one another represent C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl which is optionally substituted by 1 to 3 radicals selected from the group comprising hydroxyl, amino and halogen (such as fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine), C_5 - C_7 -cycloalkyl, preferably cyclohexyl, C_6 - C_{12} -aryl, preferably phenyl, with the proviso that the total of the C atoms of R^2 and R^3 is not less than 3, or R^2 and R^3 together represent an alkylene radical which, together with the carbon atom which carries the radicals R^2 and R^3 , forms a 5-7-membered ring, it being possible for this alkylene radical, in turn, to be substituted by C_1 - C_6 -alkyl groups, or mixtures thereof;

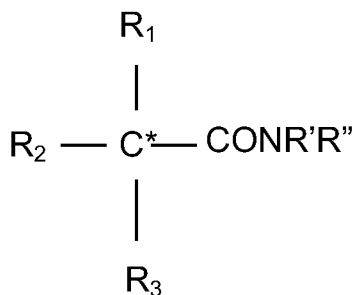
or a carboxamide of the following formula:



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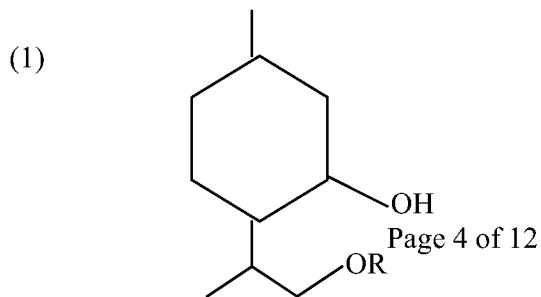
wherein R' , when taken separately, is hydrogen or an aliphatic radical containing up to about 25 carbon atoms; R'' when taken separately is hydroxy, or an aliphatic radical containing up to about 25 carbon atoms, with the proviso that when R' is hydrogen R'' may also be an aryl radical of up to about 10 carbon atoms and selected from the group consisting of substituted phenyl, phenalkyl or substituted

phenalkyl, naphthyl and substituted naphthyl, pyridyl; and R' and R'', when taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, represent a cyclic or heterocyclic group of up to about 25 carbon atoms,
or (b)



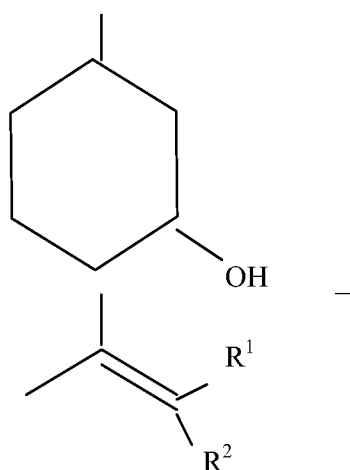
wherein R' and R'', when taken separately, are each hydrogen, C₁-C₅ alkyl or C₁-C₈ hydroxyalkyl and provide a total of no more than 8 carbon atoms, with the proviso that when R' is hydrogen R'' may also be alkylcarboxyalkyl of up to about 6 carbon atoms; R' and R'', when taken together, represent an alkylene group of up to about 6 carbon atoms, the opposite ends of which group are attached to the amide nitrogen atom thereby to form a nitrogen heterocycle, the carbon chain of which may optionally be interrupted by oxygen; R₁ is hydrogen or C₁-C₅ alkyl; and R₂ and R₃ are each C₁-C₅ alkyl; with the provisos that (i) R₁, R₂ and R₃ together provide a total of at least 5 carbon atoms, preferably from about 5-10 carbon atoms; and (ii) when R₁ is hydrogen, R₂ is C₂-C₅ alkyl and R₃ is C₃-C₅ alkyl and at least one of R₂ and R₃ is branched, preferably in an alpha or beta position relative to the carbon atom marked (*) in the formula, or a mixture thereof;

or a cyclohexanol derivative according to the following general formula:

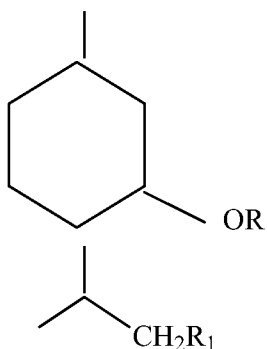


wherein R represents a linear or branched alkyl group having about 1 to about 5 carbon atoms,

or (2)

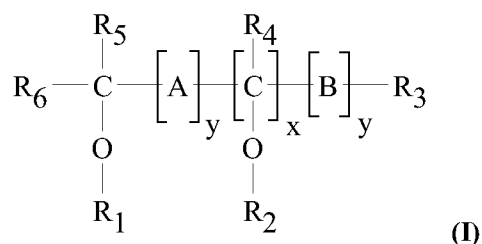


wherein R¹ and R² are independently hydrogen, or a linear or branched alkyl group having about 1 to about 5 carbon atom, or mixtures thereof;
or a cyclohexyl derivative according to the following general formula

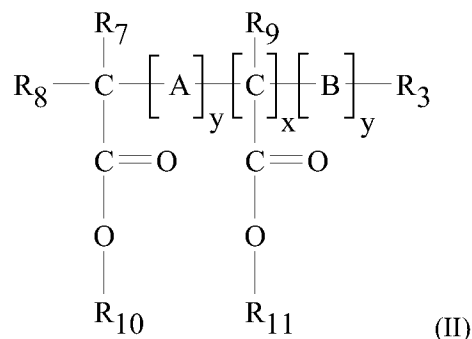


wherein R represents –H, a C₁-C₅ linear or branched alkyl group, a C₁-C₅ alkenyl group, a C₁-C₅ alkoxy group or a C₁-C₅ acyloxy group, R₁ represents –H, or a linear or branched alkyl group having from about 1 to about 5 carbon atoms, with the exception of compound wherein both R and R₁ are hydrogen, or mixtures thereof; or a mixture thereof.

4. (Withdrawn) The article according to claim 1, wherein the cooling agent is a menthyl lactate, menthone glycerol ketal, menthoxypropanediol, ethyl menthane carboxamide, methyl-(N,2,3 tri-methyl)-2-isopropyl butanamide, 2-propenyl cyclohexanol, cyclohexanol 5-methyl-2-(1 methyl ethenyl) or mixtures thereof and preferably is menthyl lactate.
5. (Previously Presented) The article according to claim 2, which comprises on at least a portion of the article from about 0.01 gm⁻² to about 300 gm⁻² of a cooling agent or a mixture thereof.
6. (Withdrawn) The article according to claim 1, further comprising a delivery system for containing and delivering the cooling agent to at least a portion of the skin and/or mucosal surface of the mammal wearing the article.
7. (Canceled).
8. (Previously Presented) The article according to claim 2, wherein the delivery system comprises an emollient of polyethylene glycol and derivatives thereof.
9. (Withdrawn) The article according to claim 6, wherein the delivery system comprises an alcohol, ester or acid derivative of following formulae or mixtures thereof:

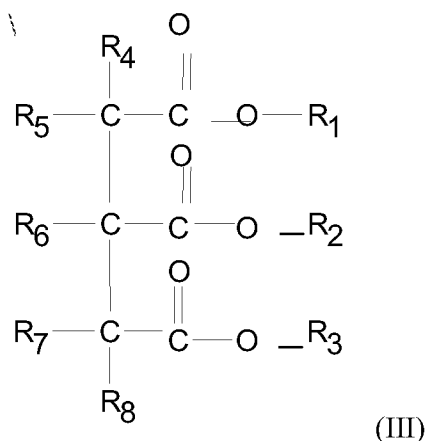


or



wherein R₁ and each R₂ independently are an acyl group with from about 2 to about 22 carbon atoms, or an alkyl, alkenyl, arylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl group with from about 1 to about 24 carbon atoms or hydrogen, whereby preferably at least one of R₁ and R₂ is such an acyl group; R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈, and R₉ are independently an alkyl, alkenyl, arylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy groups of from 1 to 24 carbon atoms, hydroxy group or hydrogen group; R₁₀ and R₁₁ are independently an alkyl, alkenyl, arylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy groups of from about 2 to about 24 carbon atoms, hydroxy group or hydrogen group; A and B are independently a C₁-C₆ linear or branched alkylene, alkyl, alkenylene, alkoxy, alkoxy, hydroxyalkylene, hydroxyalkyl groups; the values of x are independently from 0 to about 15; the values of y are independently 0 or 1,

or



wherein in (III) R₁, R₂ and R₃ are independently an acyl, alkyl or alkenyl or hydroxyalkyl group with from 1 to 22 carbon atoms, and R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ are independently selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₁₀ linear or branched alkyl, acyl, alkenyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxy groups, hydroxy, chloride, bromide, amine or hydrogen.

10. (Withdrawn) The article according to claim 9, wherein the delivery system comprises triethyl citrate, acetyl tributyl citrate, triacetyl citrate, O acetyl triethyl citrate, polyethylene glycol and/or propylene glycol.
11. (Previously Presented) The article according to claim 2, wherein the article comprises a wearer-facing surface wherein at least a portion of the wearer-facing surface comprises the cooling agent.
12. (Previously Presented) The article according to claim 2, wherein the article is breathable, typically has a water vapour breathability of higher than about 10 (g) / (m²/24hrs).

13. (Withdrawn) The article according to claim 1, wherein said article is a clothing, bandage, thermal pad, acne pad, cold pad, compress, surgical pad/dressing, protective bedding cover, gloves, socks, perspiration pad, shoe insole, shirt insert, animal litter, panty liner, feminine napkin, incontinent pad, diaper, tampon, interlabial pad, breast pad, or human or animal waste management device.
14. (Previously Presented) The article according to claim 2 , wherein said article is a hygienic absorbent article comprising a topsheet as a wearer-facing surface, a backsheet as a garment-facing surface and an absorbent core sandwiched between the topsheet and backsheet, said backsheet preferably being a breathable backsheet.
15. (Withdrawn) The absorbent article according to claim 14, wherein said breathable backsheet comprises at least one layer selected from an apertured polymeric film or a 2-dimensional planar apertured film.
16. (Withdrawn) The absorbent article according to claim 15, wherein said layer is a 2-dimensional planar apertured layer, wherein said apertures have an average diameter of from 150 micrometers to 1 micrometers.
17. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 2 wherein said apertures have an average diameter of from 100 micrometers to 500 micrometers.
18. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein said breathable backsheet comprises at least two layers, a first layer comprising an apertured layer and a second layer comprising a fibrous layer.
19. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 18, wherein said breathable backsheet comprises at least a first layer of a resilient, three dimensional web which consists of a liquid impervious polymeric film having apertures forming capillaries which are not perpendicular to the plane of the film but are disposed at an

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angle of less than 90° relative to the plane of the film, and at least a second breathable layer being a fibrous nonwoven web made from synthetic fibers having a basis weight of less than about 40 g/m².